Co-operation with Costa Rica in medicine

†2998. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Costa Rica have decided to co-operative in the field of medicine;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal for the present.

CGHS Dispensaries and Government Hospitals

2999. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of shortage of essential medicines in CGHS dispensaries and Government hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps taken to make available essential medicines in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No shortage of essential medicines have been reported in the Government Hospitals in Delhi. In CGHS dispensaries, all the non-available medicines are supplied by procuring against individual prescription from Authorized Local Chemist. In case of emergency, emergent authority slip is issued to be beneficiaries for collecting the medicines from the Authorized Local Chemist immediately.

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